

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:**

1. (Currently amended) An apparatus for retrieving golf balls, ~~and the like, which comprises a number~~ said apparatus comprising:  
\_\_\_\_\_ a plurality of retrieving sections, (1-5) which have each retrieving section including a  
frame, (6) for one or more receptacle baskets (10) and removably supported on the frame, and  
a retrieving roller (8) with a number having a plurality of retrieving disks; and (9),  
characterised in that the frames (6) are interconnected to  
\_\_\_\_\_ a connection rail (15) interconnecting the frames in side-by-side relationship; and that  
the wherein:  
over its entire length the connection rail (15) is readily flexible in the vertical plane  
and rigid or substantially inflexible in the horizontal plane.

2. (Currently amended) The apparatus as claimed in claim 1, ~~characterised in that the~~  
wherein each of the frames (6) have includes a mounting plate (7) for fixedly screwing  
mounting the frames on the connection rail, (15).

3. (Currently amended) The apparatus as claimed in claim 1, ~~characterised in that the~~  
wherein the connection rail (15) is divided into comprises a plurality of connection rail  
sections (15a, 15b); and that the sections are interconnected with one another at the mounting  
plate (7) one or more of the frames, (6), whereby the sections (15a, 15b) are interconnected  
with one another together with the mounting plate (7).

4. (Currently amended) The apparatus as claimed in claim 1, ~~characterised in that~~  
further comprising a draw bar (18) is mounted on the connection rail (15) together with the  
mounting plate (7) of at a centrally placed frame (6) one of the frames.

5. (Currently amended) The apparatus as claimed in claim 1, ~~characterised in that~~  
further comprising a plurality of wheels (16) are mounted on the connection rail (15) together  
with the mounting plates (7) of at the frames, (6).

6. (Currently amended) The apparatus as ~~claim~~ claimed in claim 4, ~~characterised in that~~  
further comprising a wheel (19) is mounted on the drawbar, (18) which is provided with  
a hitch ball, draw bar lug, hook or other type of and a drawing device (21) mounted on the  
drawbar.

7. (Currently amended) The apparatus as claimed in claim 1, ~~characterised in that~~  
wherein the connection rail (15) is manufacture from is formed of a resilient material.  
material, e.g. duraluminium or spring steel.

8. (Currently amended) The apparatus as claimed in claim 7, ~~characterised in that~~  
wherein the connection rail has a width to thickness ratio of 100 to 1. (15) displays a width-  
thickness ratio of 200:2, preferably 150:5, but also less depending on the desired properties  
and materials.

9. (Currently amended) The apparatus as claimed in claim 2, ~~characterised in that~~  
wherein the connection rail (15) is divided into comprises a plurality of sections (15a, 15b);  
~~and that the sections are interconnected with one another at one or more of the mounting~~  
plates. plate (7) of the frames (6), whereby the sections (15a, 15b) are interconnected with one  
~~another together with the mounting plate (7).~~

10. (Currently amended) The apparatus as claimed in claim 2, ~~characterised in that~~  
further comprising a draw bar (18) is mounted on the connection rail (15) together with at the  
mounting plate (7) of a centrally placed frame (6) one of the frames.

11. (Currently amended) The apparatus as claimed in claim 3, ~~characterised in that~~  
further comprising a draw bar (18) is mounted on the connection rail (15) together with the  
mounting plate (7) of at a centrally placed frame (6) one of the frames.

12. (Currently amended) The apparatus as claimed in claim 2, ~~characterised in that~~  
further comprising a plurality of wheels (16) are mounted on the connection rail (15) together  
with at the mounting plates (7) of the frames (6).

13. (Currently amended) The apparatus as claimed in claim 3, ~~characterised in that~~  
further comprising a plurality of wheels (16) are mounted on the connection rail (15) together  
with the mounting plates (7) of at the frames (6).

14. (Currently amended) The apparatus as claimed in claim 4, ~~characterised in that~~  
further comprising a plurality of wheels (16) are mounted on the connection rail (15) together  
~~with the mounting plates (7) of at~~ the frames (6).

15. (Currently amended) The apparatus as claimed in claim 2, ~~characterised in that~~  
wherein the connection rail (15) is manufacture from is formed of a resilient material.  
~~material, e.g. duraluminium or spring steel.~~

16. (Currently amended) The apparatus as claimed in claim 3, ~~characterised in that~~  
wherein the connection rail (15) is manufacture from is formed of a resilient material.  
~~material, e.g. duraluminium or spring steel.~~

17. (Currently amended) The apparatus as claimed in claim 4, ~~characterised in that~~  
wherein the connection rail (15) is manufacture from is formed of a resilient material.  
~~material, e.g. duraluminium or spring steel.~~

18. (Currently amended) The apparatus as claimed in claim 5, ~~characterised in that~~  
wherein the connection rail (15) is manufacture from is formed of a resilient material.  
~~material, e.g. duraluminium or spring steel.~~

19. (Currently amended) The apparatus as claimed in claim 6, ~~characterised in that~~  
wherein the connection rail (15) is manufacture from is formed of a resilient material.  
~~material, e.g. duraluminium or spring steel.~~

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20. (New) The apparatus as claimed in claim 7, wherein the connection rail has a width to thickness ratio of 30 to 1.

21. (New) The apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein each retrieving section further includes a support wheel at substantially the middle of the plurality of retrieving disks.

22. (New) The apparatus as claimed in claim 21, wherein the support wheels support the retrieving sections with the plurality of retrieving disks adjacent the ground to lift golf balls from the ground and eject the lifted golf balls into the receptacle baskets as the apparatus moves over the ground.